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PUC welcomes new president

Kimberly Linman
Chronicle Correspondent

More programs are needed at all levels to help students – especially women and minority students entering science careers, new Purdue University President France Cordova said during a welcome reception at the Center on Aug. 7.

Cordova also said she supports PUC's strategic plans and values. She plans to follow former President Martin Jischke's role in technological and economical developments while trying to keep students in Indiana after they graduate.

Cordova said PUC, and Purdue in general, doesn't just need more science majors, but more women and minorities to pursue an education and careers in science. She plans on meeting with the chancellor to discuss and support his plans regarding this issue.

There are also many other approaches that can help students succeed when pursuing an education in science at the collegiate level, she said.

"I think it's not the interest that isn't there, it's the help that needs to be there because students can get discouraged; they can think they are not succeeding," Cordova said. "So we need more programs at all levels that deal with intervention and mentorship."

Regina Biddings-Muro, executive assistant to the chancellor for engagement, said Cordova's back-

ground is very diverse and that she is in touch with the difficulties all students' face.

"She seems to have a deep understanding of student perspectives," Biddings-Muro said.

During her visit to PUC, Cordova talked to faculty, staff, students and administrators about the strategic planning completed, about their accomplishments and aspirations for the future. She also said she asked the community members what they expect and like from a partnership and requested their feedback.

Chancellor Howard Cohen said Cordova has a strong vision for what students and Indiana need from a public university and she shares PUC's values.

"She has really focused on things that are near and dear to our hearts here at Purdue Calumet; student success, making Indiana stronger by putting the universities, and Purdue University particularly, at the service of the state for economic development and for faculty and staff development to help unleash the fabulous talent that Purdue has assembled," Cohen said.

Cordova said she will continue to be a part of Jischke's work to engage Indiana with numerous ventures for technological and economic development.

Purdue needs to give back to the state of Indiana because of the support the state has given Purdue, Cordova said. Purdue needs to keep graduates in Indiana so they can create companies and become the leaders of Indiana.



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New president, France Cordova, shares a few words with one of her close friends, Tom Feioman during a welcome reception in her honor.

Who is France Cordova?

- * Dr. France A. Cordova, the former chancellor of the University of California-Riverside, officially became the 11th and first woman president of Purdue University in mid-July.
- * Cordova is an internationally renowned astrophysicist she is also the youngest person the and first woman to hold the position of chief scientist at NASA.

Storm causes power outage on campus



Chronicle photo Nathyn D. Gibson

Student Dianca Chase and PUC workers Randall Washington and Jamaal Bradley were among many students unable to enter the SUL this weekend.

Caitlin Ryder
News Editor

Thursday's series of storms left three buildings at PUC without power for more than 24 hours.

Faculty, staff and students evacuated to storm-secure areas located on the first floor of SUL building while the power remained out on the south end of campus. The power outage occurred to the Porter, SUL, Lawshe, the Village, the Center, the Challenger Learning Center, the Fitness Center and Riley Child Center buildings at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23, said Ken Johnston, vice chancellor of administrative services.

Faculty and staff were then given the option to relocate to another building or be sent home.

Power was restored by 4 p.m. the same day.

A second power outage occurred in the internal feed to the Porter, SUL, and Lawshe buildings. Johnston said upon examination that there was some kind of shortage in the distribution system. Professor Bob Krammer and a separate company were hired to determine and fix the problem.

George Doppler, a worker from Hygher Electric, said his company was investigating if damage was done to a high-voltage cable due to lightning. He said the outage may be attributed to a cable that underwent a severe power surge.

On Friday, Aug. 24, registration department relocated to the north end of campus to continue scheduling for students. Staff set-up tables in front of both the Lawshe and SUL buildings,

redirecting students to the temporary locations.

The CLO lounge was turned into a makeshift office to continue scheduling, as the Fitness Center was made as a temporary location for the financial aid office.

The third floor of Lawshe experienced condensation damage as a result of the heating and cooling systems being shut down. Johnston said all electrical equipment had been covered to prevent damage.

Stephanie Sivak, a sophomore majoring in english education, was unaware of the power outage when she came to pick up a special-order book from the bookstore. While the SUL was closed, the bookstore suggested ordering supplies online to be picked-up when the store reopened.

Power was restored on Saturday to the buildings.

On-demand Peregrine express

The Peregrine Shuttle is now an on-demand, free service for PUC students and employees, shifting from the fixed route service of the past year. Here is a summary of the process as well as instructions on how to use this service.

To reserve or request a free ride on the Peregrine Shuttle:

Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. visit or phone the Information Center in SUL (ext. 2400).

Between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.: visit or phone the University Village front desk (ext. 4150).

Rides can be reserved as far in advance as needed.

A PUID Card is needed to use the service. Rides may be available on the spot if the Peregrine Express is available when a ride is requested. All rides must be reserved through the SUL or UV staff. Rides can also be reserved for off-campus pick-up at locations within the service area.

The service area is outlined generally as within Hammond, Highland and Munster south of I-90 and north of Main Street; plus Indianapolis Blvd., as far south as US Hwy 30 and to/from the South Shore train station in East Chicago.

Riders can be picked up or dropped off on campus at the University Village or the SUL Service hours for

Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Advanced reservations only 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Walk-up requests or advanced reservations (No service 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Walk-up requests or advanced reservations 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Advanced reservations only.

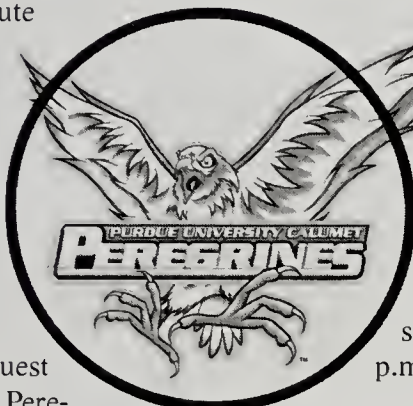
Service hours for Fridays, Saturdays, holidays, weekdays between sessions: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Walk-up requests or advanced reservations (No service between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.) 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

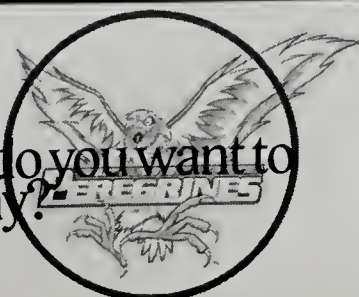
Walk-up requests or advanced reservations There is no Sunday service.

In the event a ride is reserved, then no longer needed, please phone to cancel.

Use the Information Center/UV staffs as resources to help arrange this service and understand the potential.



THE PEREGRINE EXPRESS where do you want to go today?



What's Going On? A Look Around...

Pep band

Student Activities and New Student Orientation are looking for any students interested in forming a pep band. For more information, go to SUL 104B or call 989-2369 or 989-4160.

The Second City comedy theatre

Chicago's comedy theatre The Second City will appear at PUC on Friday, Sept. 14. The performance will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in Alumni Hall. Light snacks will be served during a 15-minute intermission. Tickets are \$15 and \$20. Admission is open to the general public. For details, call the alumni office at 989-2308.

Music festival

Student Activities is sponsoring LAWNapalooza 2007 on Friday, Sept. 7. It will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the lawn between Gyte and Lawshe. Students are encouraged to bring picnic baskets and lawn chairs. Rare Groove will be performing.

Training for workplace

On Thursday, Sept. 13 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in SUL 321, John Feeney, an occupational health and safety specialist, will be teaching "Right to Know" training for student employees. The workshop deals with workplace hazard training for on-campus student employment. For more information, contact Lorraine Fiordelisi at Career Services Coordinator/Student Employment, 989-2529 or email fiordeli@calumet.purdue.edu. Class size is limited to 38 people per session.

Student Convocation

On Thursday, August 30 the Student Convocation will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Founders Plaza. More than 20 booths will be set up offering information about campus activities. A panel discussion will include faculty

and student input on college experiences. There will be lunch available on the lawn and a option to pick-up a free jump drive by picking-up a Resource Fair Booklet.

New organization

Non-Traditional Student Organization is looking for students interested in becoming members. For more information about NoTSO, contact Kathy Prendergast at prendergast1@calumet.purdue.edu.

Female volunteers

Women at Work is looking for female volunteers to donate their skills and time. For more information, contact Northwest Indiana Habitat for Humanity at (219) 923-7265.

Black Student Union

The Black Student Union meets every Tuesday 12:30 pm. to 1:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 4. For more information contact

blackstudentunion@hotmail.com or visit <http://life.calumet.purdue.edu/bsunion/>.

Rushing

Alpha PSI Lambda is looking for students who are over the age of 18 and enrolled in at least six credit hours with a GPA of 2.3/4.0 and are interested in joining. For more information contact Juan S. at (219) 308-4476 or Rebecca M. at (219) 588-9672.

SHRM meetings

Society of Human Resource Management will be holding meetings through the fall semester on Thursdays at 5 p.m. in Anderson 311. For more information, visit life.calumet.purdue.edu/shrm.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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Students speak out about tax increase

Caitlin Ryder
News Editor

A 44 cent tax increase on cigarettes in Indiana went effective July 1.

According to medicalnewstoday.com, the tax money - which is likely to accumulate \$206 million annually - will help sponsor a health insurance program for low-income residents.

Angelo Cicco, a senior majoring in history, believes the tax increase will not deter smokers from purchasing cigarettes. Cicco, who is trying to quit smoking, thinks the tax is a good idea to halt smokers, but believes it will not be completely effective. He said cigarettes are still much cheaper to buy in Indiana than across the border in Illinois.

Indiana has the second highest smoking rate in the nation, according to the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment. CUPE officials believe the tax increase will slash the high amount of smokers. A 10 percent rise in cigarette prices would lower overall cigarette consumption between three to five percent, according to its press release.

Kaitlin Craig, a junior majoring in broadcasting communications, believes the tax is a good way to try and help America become smoke free. Craig said her grandfather drives from Illinois to Indiana every week to buy ciga-



Robert Aultman, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering technology, smokes a cigarette outside near the SUL building.

rettes because it's cheaper. She said he will continue to do the same despite high gas prices and the tax increase on cigarettes.

Smokefreeamerica.org states the cigarette tax in Indiana, including the 44 cent increase, is still lower than the national average.

"I don't smoke, so I think that the tax increase is an excellent

idea. Smoking increases medical costs, and I shouldn't have to pay for [smokers]," said David Thompson, a junior majoring in fitness management.

Thompson said he hopes the taxes fund a health plan for low-income families, and to see the funds expand in the future to cover middle-income families.

Other students find the tax hike unnecessary.

Stephanie Brass, a junior majoring in nursing, thinks the tax increase is ridiculous.

"I used to rummage throughout my car for some change for one pack. Now, it's almost \$4 for a pack of Marlboro Lights at Williams in Highland, Indiana," Brass

said. "I didn't realize the increase until I bought two packs of cigarettes and it came out to over \$8 with tax."

Smoking Stats

* According to smoke-freeindiana.org, smoking rates of 18-24 year olds decreased 9.3 percent from 2003 to 2006.

* Indiana's adult cigarette use is 27 percent, the national average is 23 percent (Tobacco Control State Highlights 2002: The Impact and Opportunity. Centers for Disease Control)

* Indiana is ranked 26th in tax rates. New Jersey is ranked first with \$2.58 going to taxes. (tobaccofreekids.org)

* National tax average is \$1.073. (tobaccofreekids.org)

CTIS Connection

Information Technology Services at Purdue University Calumet

How do I access my online course?
How do I submit assignments online?
What do I do if I have problems with my WebCT Vista?

Get answers to these and any other questions you have about your online classes or WebCT Vista at any one of the following student orientation sessions. No registration is required.

WebCT Vista Student Help Sessions:

All sessions are located in Gyte 135

August 21st from 1:00pm-3:00pm
August 22nd from 2:30pm-4:30pm
August 23rd from 9:00am-11:00am
August 27nd from 9:00am-11:00am
August 27nd from 4:00pm-6:00pm
August 27th from 1:00pm-3:00pm
August 28th from 1:00pm-3:00pm
August 29th from 2:30pm-4:30pm
August 30th from 9:00am-11:00am
September 4th from 9:00am-11:00am
September 5th from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Please make sure to check out <http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/ecourses> for other important information like:
Getting Started with Vista
Setting up Java correctly

Additional Support

E-mail: ecourses@calumet.purdue.edu

Log a ticket on-line: <http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/ctis> and click on Request service from CTIS (once you have submitted your question or problem, you will receive a response via your NetMail account within one business day).

Phone: 219.989.2888, option 2

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Teaching without global boundaries

Kimberly Linman
Chronicle Correspondent

Professor of Accounting Musa Darayseh's passion for teaching has no geographical boundaries.

Darayseh left the position of accounting department head, which he held from June to August 2005, to teach at the American University of Sharjah in Dubai. Darayseh returned as the acting department head of accounting at PUC in June.

At the American University of Sharjah, Darayseh taught international students American business culture, academic rules and regulations and American text.

"We talked about experience overseas with them to introduce them to a new culture and market," he said.

Darayseh, a former international student, high school and city soccer coach from Irbid, Jordan, received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Yarmouk University in Jordan. Darayseh came to the United States and earned his master's degree in accounting from Oklahoma City University and his doctorate degree in accounting from the University of Nebraska.

Darayseh said his adjustment wasn't as difficult as other international students experience because of his familiarity with the American academic text and standards.

He did face some challenges with adjusting to American dialects.

"The first six months were hard, but after that it was normal," he said.

Darayseh's passion for teaching and his knowledge of global accounting principles can also be beneficial for PUC students.

Darayseh's passion for teaching and his dedication to his students is admirable, said Associate Professor of Management John Lucas.

"He is willing to take the time and energy to make sure that students understand each concept," he said.

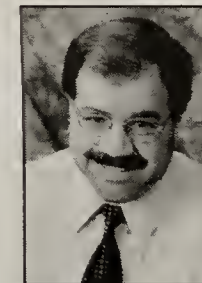
Lucas said Darayseh's goal is to make sure every student becomes the best accountant possible.

"He can give our students a global perspective of accounting principles," Lucas said. "It's an advantage to our students that he has this international knowledge."

Professor of Economics Paul McGrath said Darayseh is current with the field of accounting, which can be critical because the laws change each year.

McGrath said it was hard to go on without Darayseh because he could always count on him to teach the highest-level accounting courses.

"It's very hard to find people with those credentials," McGrath said.



Darayseh

Webinars: a new way for meeting

Elisabeth Hoernig
Chronicle Correspondent

Webinars, a web-based seminar, are gaining popularity across campus.

CTIS started using these webinars for presentations instead of traditional lectures and seminars in 2001, Mary Lamott, the department's secretary, said.

CTIS is not the only department using this seminar. Others on campus include Student Affairs, the School of Management, as well as Campus Life.

According to Heather Zamolski, course management specialist, they are used when a vendor is presenting and explaining new software to faculty and staff.

Doug Rivers, dean of education, said professors have the information and technology to use webinars in the classroom.

Currently programs such as CHAT and WebCT are close comparisons to a webinar because they offer an online meeting place for a classroom of students and their

professor where they can exchange ideas, work, pictures and comments.

Sarah Howard, assistant vice chancellor for campus life and dean of students, said webinars are more often used to bring people together into a conference-type setting without anyone meeting up in one area than a classroom tool. She also mentioned this style of presentation has been used for the last few years and is a replacement for more traditional conference.

Many PUC students have little to no general knowledge of what webinars are. Many guessed it was a web-based seminar, but could not offer much more than that.

According to webex.com, after an individual registers with a site/company that creates webinars, such as Manga Publications, gotowebinar.com or webex.com, they enter details regarding the time and date, the password, who is invited and any surveys or polls they want added to the webinar.

Since this is an interactive program, participants will be able to ask questions of the presenters and receive real time responses.

Educating others through art

Kimberly Linman
Chronicle Correspondent

The PUC library art gallery gives students, faculty, staff and local artists the opportunity to educate and share their artwork with others.

The library art gallery, located on the second floor of SUL, holds free monthly exhibits of non-purchasable artwork with a variety of styles and themes by featured artists.

Library Director Kathryn Carpenter said the monthly exhibitions primarily focus on, but are not limited to, two-dimensional art. The library tries to build a community through this art, she said.

The library art gallery was created by the Committee on Art Objects and Placement, and was dedicated on April 19, 1976. It serves as a platform for PUC and local artists in conveying their thoughts, culture and feelings.

Carpenter said it showcases different viewpoints and perspectives because it creates interest and broadens the mind when viewing different approaches to art.

The library art gallery receives numerous requests from artists who wish to be featured.

"The art gallery helps demonstrate how talented and unique the faculty, staff and students are at Purdue," said Jean Stricklin, assis-

tant to the library director.

Stricklin said the library would like to have more student exhibits, stating they deserve the recognition. It is interesting for students to examine artwork created by fellow students, she added.

Student organizations also use the art gallery as a means to educate others and to experience inner growth through artistic self-expression.

Israel Mendoza, former president of the Fine Arts Student Association, said the library art gallery allows PUC to become more integrated.

Mendoza, a senior majoring in human development and family studies, previously had artwork featured in the library art gallery. Having his artwork displayed made him feel more connected to the students, and made him feel he was offering something from within himself.

"When viewing someone's work, you feel willing to learn more about a person ... you establish a connection and you want to learn how they think and feel," Mendoza said.

**Visit the PUC
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to view the
latest featured
artist.**

UV welcomes new students



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Right: Grounds supervisor, John Bachmann helps sophomore David Parker move into the University Village.

Top: Freshman Alex Wiggins tries to get his belongings through the door as he moves into the University Village on Saturday.







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Cigarette tax hike unfair



Caitlin Ryder
News Editor

Bad habits are taxing.

Every person buying alcoholic beverages is going to pay an extra 44 cents in Indiana.

Settle down. Take deep breaths.

The tax on alcohol statement isn't true. The smell of protest was starting to grow in the air for a second. After all, this is a college campus. Those who are 21 or older would probably be in an uproar – scrabbling to write e-mails and hold picket signs in Indianapolis claiming that it is unfair taxation. And all the protestors would be right. It is unfair.

So where are all the smokers?

The 44 cent tax increase is true for all the people lighting up in Indiana. The tax increase has been in effect for a couple months – since July actually.

Yet why tax cigarettes?

Well, second-hand smoke and health costs are being pushed off onto the shoulders of other Hoosiers to handle. Seems like non-smokers aren't hip to paying extra for smokers' costing habit or dining in smoke-filled restaurants. Many buildings in Indiana are smoke-free facilities, including PUC. Lots of restaurants, like Red Robin, are smoke free also. If Indiana smokers are going to pay the health costs, why not have drinkers help?

Drinking alcohol has dangerous side effects too. It affects the body and mind. Smokers aren't the ones struggling to drive in a straight line after leaving bars. If taxes start invading personal luxuries then why not go a step farther and start taxing foods with a high trans-fat level such as Twinkies and Ho-hos? Those aren't healthy either, and they can kill too.

I am not supporting smoking, but I do think the tax is unfair. If the state wants to tax bad habits, they shouldn't pick one and crucify it. They should tax them all. Smokers know what they are risking, but this is America and they have the freedom to take those hazards. What Indiana is doing is nothing short of petty. It is a way to make money.

If Indiana really wanted to deter people from smoking, they should raise the tax price on cigarettes to the national average. This would decrease the amount of people who come here from Illinois to buy packs of cigarettes. This would also decrease the amount of money in Indiana's pockets. If Indiana was worried about money, maybe the state could decrease spending instead of increasing taxation.

That is the real bad habit.



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GoPrint: friend or foe?

The issue: PUC's new print management system GoPrint

Our opinion: It's not as deceiving as it may seem

The new print management system GoPrint will be effective the first day of this semester.

GoPrint has many students wondering how much it will cost them. The answer is zero, unless you go over the number of pages you are allowed to print.

There's confusion concerning whether if you are still charged a fee, regardless you print or not.

This is not the case. GoPrint may seem like another way for the university to take our money, but it is actually a smart thing the university is doing. They are still giving us the freedom to print in every computer lab - they are just controlling the amount we can print.

Every student will be given an allowance of \$20 which equals 500 black and white 8.5x11 pages to print in computer labs across campus, according to an e-mail sent out to all students by GoPrint project manager Wayne

Samardzich. Each sheet printed costs about 4 cents.

If a student goes over the allowed number of pages printed, this is where it will cost you. Five hundred sheets is a generous amount. Most students do not print 500 sheets in a semester, let alone a year.

There are cash to account machines located in CLO, SUL and the Academic Learning Center in Merrillville and it is very easy to use. Students have been worried about the cost of GoPrint but they will soon realize it should not affect them.

GoPrint will only affect students who get a little print crazy. Students who print Microsoft Powerpoints may be the only ones who might suffer more than others. They will be digging in their pockets later in the semester.

Like many systems here on campus, this print system can be

a little confusing. There are instances where students may find themselves with a printer jam and their credits may seem lost. There is help all around with tech assistants to be sure your credits are used properly and none are wasted.

For the most part, it is pretty self-explanatory. Difficulties with this system should be at a minimum. GoPrint makes it as simple as logging in and out to print.

The GoPrint system is a great idea to help prevent the waste of paper and control printing. There is no doubt this will be a success and is here to stay.

Students will learn about the system and realize it is not here to take money from us.

Stay under 500 copies, and students shouldn't have any worries.

Don't let the years slip by



Isabel Rodriguez
Editor in Chief

"Grow up," she said.

I stood there, allowing the words to penetrate its wise meaning through my mind.

Those two words are said to college students constantly. Parents say it. Professors mention it. Mentors advise that the "real world" is so close.

My sister could possibly be a millionaire by now – if she had a penny for every time she felt a need to say that, and actually did.

Those are some strong words. And it's true – ready or not – the world is going to come a' knocking soon.

Don't deny it. Don't use the excuse "college student" or "young" as reasons to put off the inevitable. You know, people speak and advise these words for a reason.

A good portion of students at PUC are in their early twenties, with some teenagers straight out of high school. Plenty have the mentality that it's time to be young and adventurous. Stupid at times. It is, don't get me wrong. College is about experiences, and having fun. But don't forget why you're sitting right there in class, reading this column to pass by time.

Don't let the thrills of college life prevent you from seeking opportunities. Now is the time to engross yourself with all these chances. Don't just breeze by those fliers posted up about internships as you walk towards Calumet Falls lounge area to hang out.

Don't eye these signs, and think "soon enough." "Soon enough" will become "eventually," then transform into "one day."

Make it happen.

I walked by those signs for two years before obtaining enough courage to walk up to SUL-344H for an application to write for The Chronicle. Look where I am now.

I breezed by those fliers, and pushed off deadlines for internships for one year. It took a wake-up call to know my time here was almost up. I feared I'd have nothing extra to show for it. I finally grabbed one of those fliers, submitted an application and landed a summer internship at The Times.

That wake-up call was my sister. I guess it took that million-th time of preaching for it to register in my "I'm-young-I-have-plenty-of-time" mentality.

Now is the time to jumpstart your interests and hobbies, and morph them into careers. Don't regret wasting your time online or partying every weekend, when you get involved in activities that will help you in the long run.

Don't wait. You'll regret.

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4. Pray each day to Lord Saget, for it is the path to righteousness.
5. Spread the word of Lord Saget, for it is your duty.

May Bob Be With You Always

Jessica Cochran
Entertainment Editor

Bob Saget is a man of many talents, and Joe Pettis has raised him to the ultimate status. To him, America's favorite dust-fighting father figure of the '90s is in fact God.

Pettis, creator of bobsagetisgod.com, welcomes others into the Church of Saget.

The idea came to him in a time of deep despair after his girlfriend dumped him, his dog died and his mother suffered a serious heart-attack. While browsing through television channels, an image came to him.

"Something about his smile, his persona, his charm," said Pettis. "Something about it drew me closer to him. I knew at that moment that Bob Saget had to be God; I have not doubted myself since."

Pettis believes Saget has the power to manipulate people. He played America's favorite father figure as Danny Tanner on Full House and (Bob = three letters) x (God = three letters) = Lord Saget.

"Math is logic and logic is power, which just goes to show that you can't dispute the awesome power of Lord Saget," he said.

The first time Pettis met the star he fell to his knees and began

chanting "I'm not worthy, I'm not worthy," and in reply Saget said "Rise my son."

"To this day I read interviews with him and he still refers to me as a crazy tattooed kid in Atlanta," said Pettis.

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Joe Pettis

There is no devil in the Church of Saget, although Pettis joked that the Olsen twins would make good candidates. Although Saget

is the only God for him, Pettis believes there are close seconds.

"Hugh Hefner, I'm sure, probably feels as though he is God. Also, the guy that invented the laser pointer can surely be praised."

The Church of Saget has been running strong for roughly 10 years, but the website has been up for only three. Although he has not done much with the site recently, Pettis is in the process of updating it.

"Our goal is to become large enough to one day make it on the census, so please join our church and feel free to make donations," he said.

Besides accepting donations,

Pettis also offers "Bob Saget is God" T-shirts – however the link is currently down – and supports Saget in the presidential election of 2008.

**For more
information on the
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Brighten up your day with Sunbird



Mike Schaefer
Production Manager

As a student taking five classes, working two jobs and fitting everything in between, using a calendar application is kind of essential. Being in college generally entails little to no money to spare for gas or other things, let alone a professional level calendar and to-do application.

Outlook is generally the standard that business professionals use and from what I've seen, there's little that compares to it. Unfortunately for broke college students, it runs a cool \$80 on Amazon.

Taking it upon myself, I decided to cruise around and find an

organizational calendar program that works with me and looks nice. In my online travels I found something that everyone should know about.

Sunbird.

Sunbird is an application that specializes in calendars, scheduling and to-do's. The interface looks a little like Google Calendar and a little like Outlook, which is great because I've had experience in both.

If you have never used a calendar application before, the interface will take a little getting used to, but once learned is a great and powerful tool to keep you organized.

If you require or prefer an e-mail application along with your calendar then you can download Lightning to use in sync with

Thunderbird (Mozilla's email application).

The reason I pursued a stand-alone application rather than using Google Calendar is that I needed something to sync up to my Smartphone (Samsung Black-jack). By default, Windows Device Center (or ActiveSync in XP) does not sync up with Sunbird. However using some simple Google searching, I uncovered a program called BirdieSync.

BirdieSync basically tells Device Center to use Sunbird's information and syncs it up with Smartphones and PDA's. The download is a 30-day trial and costs around 20 dollars to use permanently.

Well worth the cost to keep me organized and on time.

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Senior Staff Member

Entering Wizard World is like stepping into a sprawling city.

Comic book enthusiasts, video gamers and self-proclaimed nerds find themselves at home during this yearly event – Wizard World Chicago, held at the Rosemont Convention Center.

This year's event, held from Aug. 9-12, was host to countless celebrity appearances, product premieres, vendors selling everything from clothing to Japanese toys to DVDs and, of course, comic books of all genres.

Video gamers could hang out at the Sony PlayStation area where attendees sampled PlayStation 3, PlayStation 2 and PlayStation Portable games.

Participants of all ages (and skill levels) stopped by for the "SingStar Pop," a PS2 karaoke game competition. Prizes were awarded several times a day, and the competition stage was surrounded by waiting competitors and curious onlookers from open to close all three days.

Andy Denst, a sophomore majoring in computer graphics design, took a break from perusing comics on Friday to join in the competition



during his fifth consecutive year attending Wizard World.

"It's my vacation," he said.

For video gamers looking to preview new games, a stop by the "Bioshock" booth yielded a look at the survival game for X-Box 360 and Windows which was released Aug. 21. "Bioshock" producer Anthony DeLuca defined the game as "a mix of first-person shooter action and story."

Wizard World was the public premiere of "Bioshock."

"People are enjoying the game, it makes [the effort] worth it," said DeLuca.

According to DeLuca, the game is fun because of the story and the accessibility for the player.

"You have choices, [the game is] concentrated on using your environment to your advantage," DeLuca explained.

Ashley Kroc, a senior majoring in psychology, worked at the "Bioshock" booth during the convention. Kroc said her first impression of "Bioshock" was positive.

Kroc recommends the game to "people who have an appreciation for the supernatural. [In the game] you can make bees come out of your veins."

While Wizard World is host to the premiere of many products and comic books, many who attend the convention seek old, unique and/or collectable comic books. Vendors from around the country sell indi-

Chronicle photos by Jade Lee Lynch

vidual issues, collections and bound collections (known as trade paperbacks) at the convention.

Denst explained he enjoys his yearly visit to Wizard World because he can shop around the vendors to get good deals on comic books and related items.

"This year, mostly I've been looking for collections," he said.

Large companies, such as Marvel and DC, have booths with their writers, artists and products, but Wizard World is also hosted to many other comic book publishers.

Deeper inside the "city," smaller up-and-coming publishers were represented as well.

Small press Legion Studios sold copies of the newest issue of "Queen of Sin," published Aug. 7, as well as their older books and a special convention edition called "Warring With Wolves."

Scott C. Guffey, a graduate student in English, is the managing editor of Legion Studios.

After attending Wizard World for years as a participant, Guffey attended this year as an exhibitor for the second time.

Writing comic books is Guffey's passion.

"I returned to college so I could improve my ability to write so I could go back to doing comics," he said.

The main character in "Queen of Sin" is modeled after the historical and mythological character Lilith.

"We've retold her origin and given the story of where she is today," said Guffey.

In addition to the historical and mythological aspect of Lilith, Guffey explained the importance of the psychological premise in which Lilith is part of every woman, rebelling against submis-

sion and craving power.

Guffey said Legion Studios plans to continue the "Queen of Sin" book, begin a new series called "Sadistic Stories of Suburbia" (by Nov./Dec. 2007), and publish Part 3 of the "Book of Legion" trilogy (in early 2008).

Legion Studios will also be at Wizard World in June 2008, said Guffey.



Rosemont Convention Center has been host to Chicago's Wizard World in August for the past few years, but the convention is scheduled earlier next summer, with preview night on June 26 and the convention running from June 27-29.

Robert Felton, Vice-President/Associate Publisher of Wizard Entertainment, said the convention - established in 1997 - originally started in an earlier time slot.

According to Felton, the convention will return to an earlier spot because exhibitors requested space between other shows.

The new dates are already planned for the next five years.

With the convention earlier in the summer - and further from the start of the semester for students - Felton recommends a first time or return visit.

"There's so much to do. It's worth the trip; you can't possibly see everything in one day," he said.

For attendees seeking amusement other than comic books and

Top left: Bioshock producer Anthony DeLuca and psychology major Ashley Kroc promote the new X-Box 360 and Windows survival game.

Center: Scott C. Guffey, a graduate student in English, is joined by the Legion Studios crew.

Bottomright: Andy Denst, a sophomore in computer graphics design, competes in the PlayStation 2 SingStar Pop competition.

video games, there are many activities.

The Wizard booth hosted the Wizard Wheel of Doom, a trivia challenge where participants could choose a category, receive a question and - if their answer was correct - spin the wheel for a prize. Participants who answered a question wrong were faced with a physical challenge followed by their chance to spin.

Attendees were able to meet and receive autographs from celebrities including Tricia Helfer ("Battlestar Galactica"), Lou Ferrigno (TV's original "Incredible Hulk") and Michael Madsen ("Kill Bill" and "Sin City").

From the premiere of the Marvel stamps by the U.S. Postal Service to talent searches for new writers and artists to Wizard School - hour-long educational sessions on how to write, illustrate, color and pitch comics - the weekend offered a myriad of comic book related activities.

While fans were busy seeking out collectibles, aspiring writers and artists were able to learn about the trade and network. Art devotees strolled through Artists Alley for a peek at the wares of artists from around the country - and sometimes around the globe - often purchasing prints or commissions (personalized pieces).

Whether you're looking to buy, look, learn or play, mark your calendars for next summer's Wizard World Chicago.

Rage returns to rock the midwest

Jeff Wozniak
Chronicle Correspondent

After a seven year hiatus, Rage Against the Machine reunited to perform select music festivals in southern California.

In April a mysterious website, RATM82407.com, appeared on the Internet and featured nothing but a counter ticking down to Aug. 24. The site later revealed the significance of the date a one night only performance in the midwest at the Alpine Valley Music Theater.

"[Republican and Democratic charlatans] ain't scared of us, they're scared of you!"

Zach de la Rocha

Unfortunately, the theater is located on a small country road in East Troy, Wisconsin, which resulted in a traffic mess as roughly 33,000 rabid Rage Against the Machine fans clogged the streets in four different directions. Consequently, a large number of concertgoers missed the opening band, Queens of the Stone Age, while waiting two or more hours to park.

After sound checks were finished the venue went dark, except for a 30 foot flag of the Zapatista Army of National Liberation, slowly rising behind the stage.

Drummer Brad Wilk took the stage, then bassist Tim Commer-

ford followed by renowned guitarist Tom Morello. The band basked in the red glow of the flag as the rapt audience rippled with anticipation, waiting for lead singer Zach de la Rocha to take the stage.

As a spotlight lit a microphone the crowd went crazy but fell silent as an 80-year-old woman stepped up to it. Her voice rang out loud and clear.

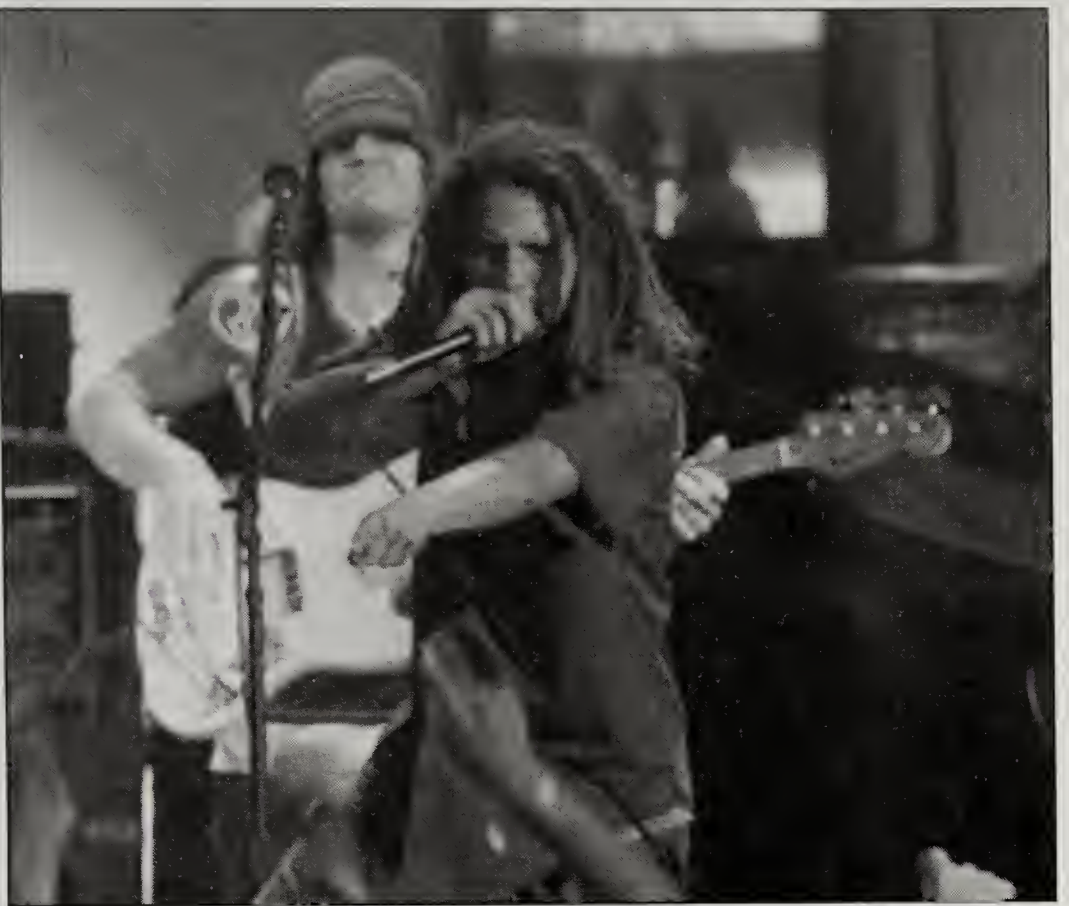
"Ladies and gentlemen, I'd like to introduce the best...band in the world, Rage Against the Machine!"

The audience exploded as Zach burst onto the stage and kicked off the show with an electric performance of "Testify."

The show itself was exactly what one would expect from a rock concert at a large outdoor venue, with throngs of fans bouncing to-and-fro, a healthy mosh pit in front of the stage and shirtless kids surfing the crowd. But this time, that stage was occupied by political powerhouse Rage Against the Machine. Back together with a vengeance.

Unlike most outwardly political bands which pepper their live shows with brief mentions of this or that injustice or fault "the system," Rage let their music do the talking as they performed staples such as "Bombtrack," "Guerrilla Radio," "Bulls on Parade" and finished the show with an encore of "Killing in the Name."

Other than the obligatory thanks to the crowd and city, the



Chronicle photo by Jeff Wozniak

Rage Against the Machine returned to the midwest to rock a packed house at Alpine Valley Music Theater Friday after being away from the music scene for seven years.

only commentary from the band not energetically rapped over funk beats and metal riffs came as an interlude during "Wake Up," as Zach took a moment to correct misstatements recently attributed to the band and remind concertgoers that the people are the true

source of power in a democracy.

"[Republican and Democratic charlatans] ain't scared of us, they're scared of you!" he said.

Overall, the show was fantastic. An hour and a half of solid rock as only Rage Against the Machine could deliver.

The ending was bittersweet as the ecstatic crowd walked away from the pavilion wondering, "Why hasn't there been anything like this for 7 years?" and praying "I hope to God they're back together for good."

Y comic books are more than just fluff



Jade Lee Lynch
Senior Staff Member

I've been reading an interesting story about survival and love, a tale that uses an abstract concept to illustrate the importance of perspective. This story is epic in length, well over 1,000 pages, yet absolutely captivating.

"Y the Last Man," the tale of a young man named Yorick who is searching for his fiancé in a post-apocalyptic world, is written by Brian K. Vaughan. "Y the Last Man" is also a comic book. It has substance, addresses issue of philosophy and contains fantastic art.

When I started reading comic books (unlike most comic book enthusiasts, I didn't start reading them until college), I imagined most comics were focused on superheroes. However, after reading many series — distributed by various publishers, written by a myriad of authors and covering many genres — I realized, to my happy surprise that I was wrong.

I've been avidly reading comic books and graphic novels for many years now. I look forward to regular trips to the comic shop — my husband and I frequent Creative Comics in Griffith — to pick up some of our monthly subscriptions (we're up to approximately 30 titles).

For me, comic books are a

form of entertainment.

But in my graduate research I've discovered that comic books, graphic novels and even comic strips can be educational tools as well. These things can help students (elementary through high school students as well as college and non-traditional scholars) who are reluctant or remedial readers, or who have English as a Second or Other Language (ESL) concerns, gain context for language.

Many great pieces of literature — including Kafka's "The Metamorphosis," a shortened version of Melville's "Moby Dick," and several Edgar Allen Poe tales — have been translated into graphic novel form.

But for those who prefer tales of history, political intrigue, science fiction or actual science, there are comic books/graphic novels for you as well. I really believe that people — even fairly hard-to-please individuals — willing to spend a bit of time looking at various books will find a genre, author and/or series they enjoy.

So, for those of you who have never picked up a comic book — or whose former collection is collecting dust in your basement between high school year books and posters of 80s bands — I suggest stopping by a local comic book shop and perusing the selection.

Who knows, maybe next year I'll see you at Wizard World Chicago.

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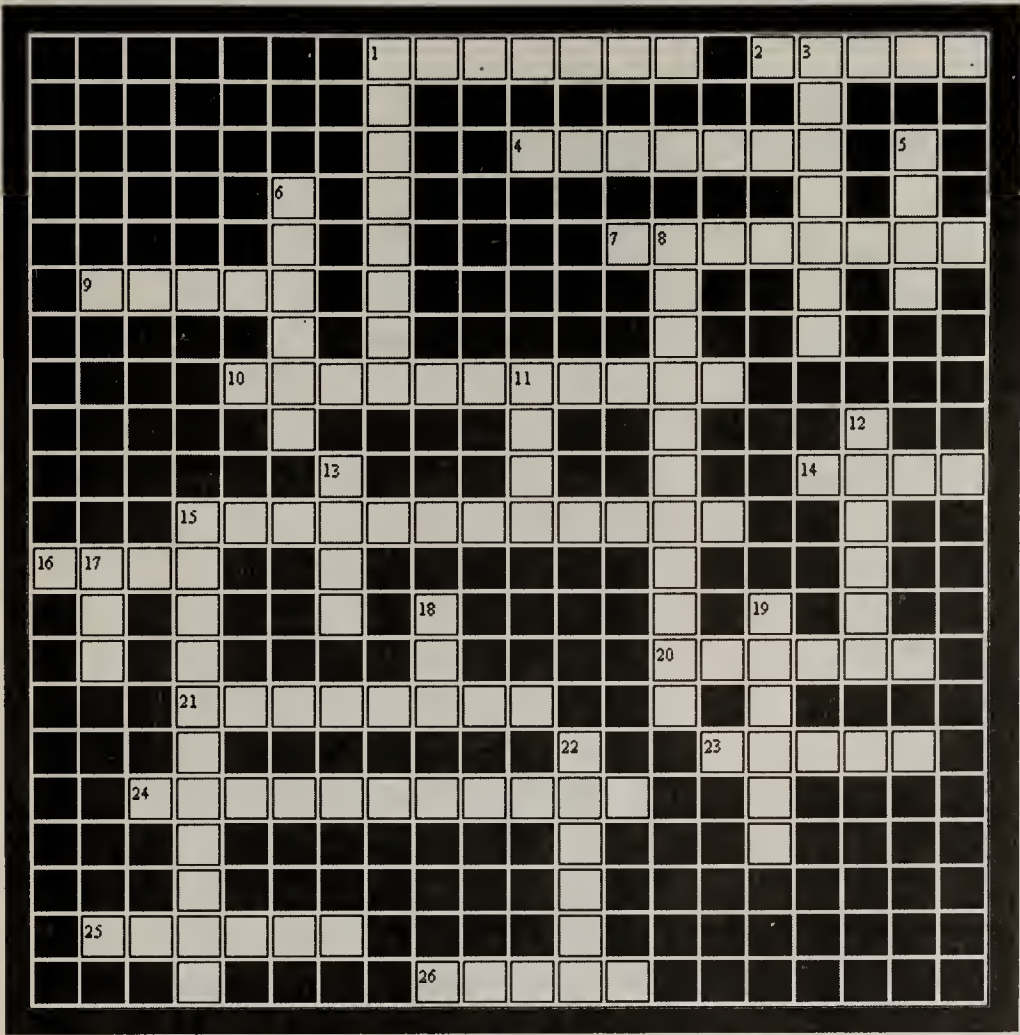
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2. Former cop

4. Formerly in the army

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9. Worked for IRS

10. Former Mayor of a town in Italy

14. Wears red shirt and jorts

15. Dated Mrs. Krabappel

16. Eats glue

20. Astronaut before Homer

21. Has secret obession for The Beatles

23. Hates nerds

24. Krusty's sidekick

25. Has violin playing daughter

26. Last name Leonard
1. Has a crush on Lisa

3. Grandpa Simpson's first name

5. Last name Carlson

6. Teachers pet

8. Womanizer

11. Road hazard

12. Shot Mr. Burns

13. Dated Nelson

15. Has a "special" son

17. Cheated on his wife

18. Former boxer

19. Everybody's favorite doctor

22. Laughs at others pain and misfortunes

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New school year, new season of fall intramurals

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

As the summer winds down and the new school year begins, a brand new season of intramural sports starts for all Fitness club members to be involved with.

Summer intramurals were available to students, those of which included fishing, sailing and open-play sand volleyball. The school year has begun and students have a whole variety of intramurals to choose from.

According to Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik, many PUC student favorites will be back, those of which include volleyball and flag football.

"I think all of these sports will continue to grow and be strong," said Dudzik.

An interesting twist has been added to flag football. There are currently plans to play the first half of the season outside in the afternoon. Normally all games are played inside the gym.

"Since we don't have the time change until November, the sun will be staying out longer during the day when the season first starts. Hopefully, we can get some of the teams to play outside," said Dudzik.

Several other new intramurals will be taking place as well this fall. The arm wrestling contest, was cancelled last year due to a small turnout. The contest will be promoted more this year and will take place at a later date in hopes to get more contestants.

Another new intramural will be a baking contest, in which contestants will be baking brownies. Three finalists will be chosen to have their brownies judged to see which is the best one. One winner will be selected and will have their brownie declared as the official brownie of the PUC cafeteria.

"It's a little way for that student to leave their mark on the school," said Dudzik.

With such a wide variety of intramurals to be played this fall, Dudzik says he is looking forward to all of them.

"The main thing that matters is that everyone who participates in the different games and activities has a good time," said Dudzik.

Intramural sports are always looking for new teams and players and it is a great way to get involved on campus. More information about each sport or activity can be obtained by contacting Dudzik, or by flyers throughout the fitness center and the school.

Fall 2007 Intramurals

"Open Play" Dodge ball
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Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
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Home Run Derby
Date: Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.
Location: PUC Gym
Entry Deadline: Sept. 10th
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Hiking
Dates: Saturday, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29
Locations: TBD

4 on 4 Flag Football
Dates: Sept. 17
Games will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays
Location: PUC Gym & Grassy area between Gyte and Lawshe

Half the games will be played indoor and the other half outdoors

For a complete schedule of fall intramurals check out www.pucchronicle.com

See you around, Vick



Jeremy Homan
Sports Editor

Watching ESPN on Michael Vick and reading stories about him makes me sick.

The NFL has had the recent reputation of having thug-like Tennessee Titan cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones and Cincinnati Bengal's wide receiver Chris Henry, both who are serving suspensions.

With Michael Vick appearing to be on his way to prison for dog fighting and already being referred to as an ex-teammate by some Falcon players, the NFL has made the right decision in suspending Vick indefinitely without pay.

Vick is nothing but a liar and after swearing he had no involvement, pleaded guilty. Vick is a selfish and egotistical person. He denies killing any dogs and gambling on dog fights, but does admit to making decisions on a dog's execution. Vick could be facing up to 18 months in prison, which to some isn't enough for the despicable crimes he has been charged with. He said he was remorseful and sorry. It's a little late for apologies. What Vick did is said and done and there's no changing it. It's unbelievable to hear other athletes or anyone in general backing Vick, saying he is a good man on the inside. Sorry

but good men don't harm animals and try to get away with it.

Vick went from being one of the top athletes in the world straight to the bottom.

Never have I seen an athlete fall from the top so fast. The image of Vick has been destroyed. What he did is unforgivable. He has lost almost everything from fans to endorsements. No longer can you buy a Vick jersey from stores. Kids looked to him as a role model. It is scumbags like Vick setting a bad example for the youth of this country. Once this is all over Vick would be smart to never show his face again. He is a complete disgrace to himself and makes the NFL look bad.

With the punishments, new commissioner Roger Godell has handed down to misbehaved athletes this year, I knew he would do what was right in the case of Vick. Godell needs to not let up, banning Vick for life. Some may say he's done with Falcons but not the NFL. There is certainly a team out there willing to take Vick on their team, but he shouldn't get the chance. Vick's days in the NFL are over.

If the commissioner knows what's best for the league, he will never let Vick play in the NFL again. The suspension is a step in the right direction in preserving the NFL's image. Vick deserves no second chances. The talent of Vick has gone down the drain with the rest of his life. Don't plan on seeing him on a U.S. football field again.

Purdue mascots bust a move at Railcats game



Chronicle photo by Richard Balutewicz

Purdue mascots entertain the crowd, dancing atop the Railcats dugout on Purdue Day August 7. Among other activities at the game, Purdue President France Cordova and PUC Chancellor Howard Cohen both threw out a ceremonial first pitch. The Railcats lost the game 4-2 to the Kansas City T-Bones 4-2.

NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE ORSO

Braves manager Bobby Cox finally set the record for the most ejections in baseball history. Cox celebrated at a local bar before eventually being tossed.

Has-been Jose Offerman has been suspended from his minor league team indefinitely after he hit the opposing pitcher and catcher with his bat. On the positive side, it's the first hitting streak Offerman has had in years.

Johan Santana struck out 17 Texas Rangers. It's not that remarkable, since Sammy Sosa was 14 of them.

Taco Bell is giving away a trip to the 2008 World Series. The winner gets to throw out the first pitch, \$50,000 and free Spanish lessons from a Rodriguez to be named later.

In Cleveland, doctors used electrodes to awaken a man who's been in a coma for six years. The man spent his coma in a hospital, coaching the Browns.

Six players were injured in a pre-season game between the Giants and Ravens. Hey, we thought pre-season was two-hand touch.

Giants coach Tom Coughlin surprised his team by canceling

their classroom work and taking them bowling. Probably preparing them for a season in the gutter.

Vinny Testaverde has resigned with the New England Patriots, giving the team has a backup in case Tom Brady has to leave to impregnate another celebrity.

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson have turned down invitations to play in the LG Skins Game. The two golfers backed out when they mistakenly thought John Daly would be playing topless.

And golfer Sheila Drummond became the first blind female to record a hole-in-one. Or someone is playing a really mean practical joke.

Written by Steve Hofstetter, Adam Hofstetter, Cody Marley, Ryan Murphy, Elliot Steingart, and Chris Strait

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Road back to the Super Bowl

Ryan Metz

Assistant Sports Editor

As the celebration confetti fell atop the Indianapolis Colts after last February's Super Bowl, quarterback Peyton Manning finally put the question to rest whether he couldn't win "the big one." With the joy that comes with winning the championship, is a reciprocal emotion for the loser. Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher described it as being the worst he had ever had.

"Walking off the field and having to watch them hoist up that trophy was hard to take. 'We were proud to be there, but we didn't accomplish what we wanted,'" Urlacher told Chicago's Comcast SportsNet.

The Bears and Colts left their training camp dorm rooms last weekend as both seemed poised for another run at the Lombardi Trophy.

As the Super Bowl XLI champions returned to training camp in Terre Haute, Ind. the same questions lingering their football team as years past. Is the defense good enough to make another run at the title?

Signing speedy defensive end Dwight Freeney to a new 6-year, \$72 million dollar contract in the off-season made him the highest-paid defensive player in NFL history. The Colts hope dishing out the dough will pay off as the woe-filled defense was the key weakness for the team last year. Safety Bob Sanders will need to play like he did when he returned to the lineup healthy at the beginning of the

playoffs.

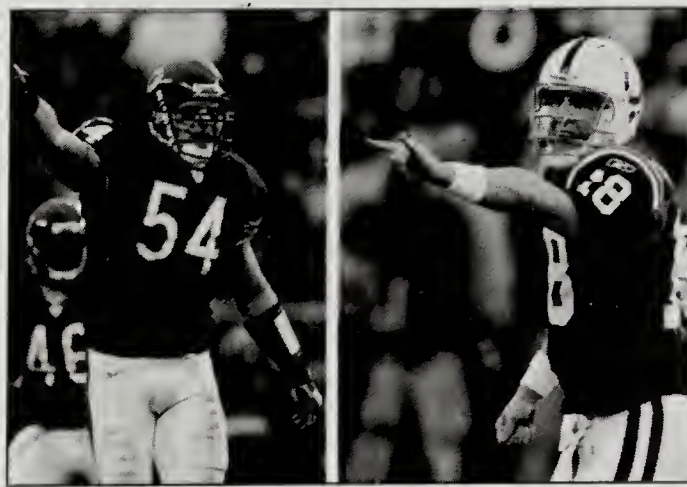
The Colts will start the season on prime time Thursday, Sept. 6 in New Orleans as the NFL kicks off the year. Manning told the Indianapolis Star he put his championship ring away.

"I think guys got the idea, they can never take [the title] away from us, but we've got to put it behind us symbolically and mentally. This is a new team and we've got to form a new identity," he said.

The noise of Bears camp was about the offense and how the new weapons should improve an offense, which had a roller coaster season last year. The much-criticized Rex Grossman will once again lead a group of veteran offensive linemen.

Cedric Benson will be the feature back this year and will bring power along with his down hill running ability. At the receiver position Bernard Berrian, Muhsin Muhammad and Mark Bradley will lead a respectable group.

Rookie tight end Greg Olsen was a steal late in the first round of the draft and has been the star of training camp with his combination of size, speed



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Both linebacker Brian Urlacher and quarterback Peyton Manning look to lead their teams back to the Super Bowl.

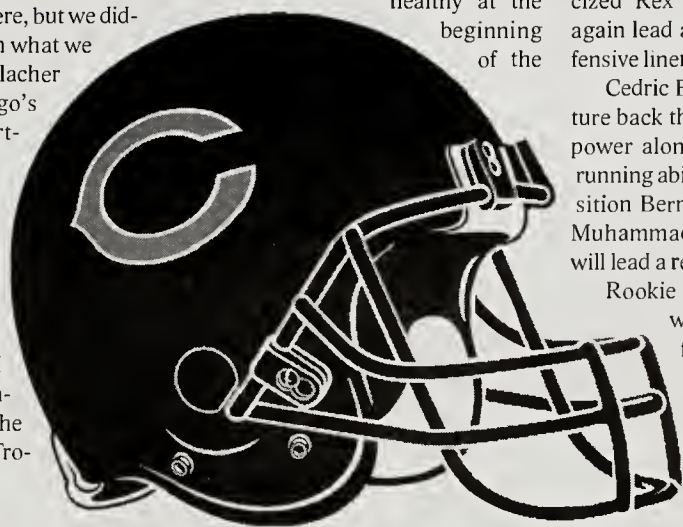
and ability to catch everything thrown his way. The speed threat of Devin Hester will make the transition to receiver and is expected to provide big plays much like he did as the best return man in the last year and is also drawing rave reviews from his teammates.

"He's a special player, everyone knows that. He reminds me a lot of [Carolina Panthers receiver] Steve Smith. He's very explosive and fast and he has an uncanny ability to make people miss in tight quarters. You probably couldn't

tackle him in a phone booth. He's that slippery and slick," said safety Mike Brown to chicagobears.com.

The 183 miles that separate the champs from the hungry runner-ups and the tight bond between the two head coaches will only serve as more motivation.

"The Colts have the championship. They have the Super Bowl ring. We don't and that's our motivation to finish the job this year," Bears coach Lovie Smith told chicagobears.com.



PUC remodels track



Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

PUC remodeled the track above the gym this summer. The track will give runners and walkers a more comfortable feeling. The track is set to open the first day of school, August 27.

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

Fitness club members who are looking to get an extra bang for their buck will be thrilled to know a brand new track has been installed in the Fitness Center.

"The old track was 25 years old. It was beaten up and worn out," said Fitness Center Staff member John Bobalik. "The old track basically was just cement with a carpet over it.

"This new track [is] made with much softer sponges, and it will be a lot better suited for anyone looking to run."

Funding for the new track came from various departments,

with most funded by the vice chancellor of student affairs, student services and the Fitness Center itself. The total cost of the track could not be revealed at this time.

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The idea to have the new track installed came from Emil Lulich, one of the original members of the Fitness Center staff. He was one of main supporters for the idea, and pursued getting the track built this year.

"When renovation began on the gym, years ago I came up with the idea," said Lulich.

The current plan is for the track to have the same use as it did before, Bobalik said.

"It will be used by students and other Fitness club members who want to run or jog," he said.

He also said the track is going to give Fitness Club members a great experience with a smoother more comfortable use.

"Orthopedically it's much safer, and cosmetically it's much safer. It looks like a modern day track instead of something that was 25 years old," said Bobalik.

The new track will be ready for all runners by the first day of school on Aug. 27.

Student Activities Announces

Welcome Back

Week Events

Monday, August 27th

Reggae Band White Dove

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Student Union Library Portico

(In Student Union Library Calumet Falls TV Room if rain)

Operation Night Café

4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. or

while supplies last

CLO Concourse

Tuesday, August 28th

Movie & Popcorn - Blades of Glory

11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. (approximate start times)

Wednesday, August 29th

"Big Red Chair" Photos

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Student Union Library Founder's Plaza

(In Student Union Library Calumet Falls Lounge if rain)

Thursday, August 30th

Student Convocation

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Student Union Library Founder's Plaza

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Have a Great Semester!

Bunnell named new A.D.

Ryan Metz

Assistant Sports Editor

PUC appointed Robert D. Bunnell as athletic director in July, giving him the task of turning around an athletic program that was marred with criticism the previous school year.

Bunnell takes over for recent interim athletic director John Friend. Friend served his time after former athletic director Rob Jensen resigned. Bunnell was officially given the title of Assistant Vice Chancellor for Health, Recreation and Sports/Athletic Director.

Bunnell, who offers 30 years of higher education-related experience,



Bunnell

was interested in the position at PUC because of opportunities to branch out and learn other areas besides athletics. He will

have administrative responsibilities for the fitness, wellness and intramural sports program, as well as the Student Health Services Center and the Counseling Center.

"One of my balancing responsibilities is to have a system in place where we all communicate better regularly," said Bunnell, who will reside in Mishawaka, Ind. with his family. "I look forward to the challenges. Many of the assignments will be the same I have had in the past and I have 18 years of experience as an athletic director."

He served as an athletic director at two NCAA Division III Institutions, Franklin & Marshall College and Kenyon College. The Narrowsburg, NY native was also

the first full-time athletic director at IUPUI from 1977 to 1981.

"The athletics had a difficult year last year; I hope to stabilize the situation," Bunnell said. "We now have some really outstanding coaches who will be working full-time in their new positions. I'm confident everything will be fine."

The basketball programs now have a new position in place. It will have a graduate assistant help monitor and the academic standing of the players. The 2006-07 men's season was cut short prematurely in December after eight players were ruled academically ineligible.

"Both coaches are dedicated to having the athletes in the classroom and having them succeed,"

Bunnell said. "We have to be critical of the recruiting process and bring in athletes that come here first for an education."

"I'm really impressed with Coach Gordon's energy and his commitment to Purdue and this campus. Purdue Calumet couldn't have done better with the hiring of coach Megyesi as well. This is his first time as a college coach after serving as a highly successful high school coach in the past."

Basketball has been a fixture at PUC since 1954 with only a break of three or four years. The Peregrines are in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference and now have a NAIA Division II standing after moving from the NAIA Division I after last season.

New coaches: 'We've got a lot to prove'

Gordon, Megyesi appointed as the new basketball coaches

Jeremy Homan

Sports Editor

Former PUC assistant coach Grayling Gordon has been appointed head coach for the men's basketball team. Gordon was formerly an assistant at PUC under head coach Gary Hayes.

"I'm excited to get the opportunity to work here again," said Gordon.

Gordon, formerly the head coach at Purdue North Central for the past five years, started his coaching career in 1989-1990 at the University of Dubuque where Gordon played his college ball, earning team most valuable player

and all-conference honors. From 1993-1997 he served as Dubuque's head coach before returning to northwest Indiana.

"We've got a lot to prove. We are trying to win back the confidence of PUC."

-Grayling Gordon

Gordon takes over a PUC program that watched its season end abruptly in late December due to the academic ineligibilities of eight players. Retired coach Russ Marcinek took over the acting role of head coach in February until Gordon's appointment.



Gordon

Gordon will have the task of stabilizing the program not only on the court but also in the classroom, where the team struggled last year.

"We are going to have a stronger monitoring system in place this year," said Gordon. "We want to have the kids understand why they are here and that is to get an education first."

Gordon hopes to have a posi-



Megyesi

tive influence on the program and help bring it back to where it was.

"We've got a lot to prove. We are trying to win the confidence of PUC," said Gordon. "We want to build a positive image here and it starts with succeeding in the classroom."

The women's basketball program also has a new head coach. Recent interim head coach Tom Megyesi had his 'interim' title removed, making him head coach.

"I am excited to work with the talented group of girls we got this year," said Megyesi.

Prior to being named interim head coach Megyesi was head coach at Lake Central High School where he compiled a record of 370-164 over 24 seasons with the team.

During that time, he led his teams to 11 sectional championships, four regional titles, three semi-state crowns, a state runner-up finish in 1998 and a state championship in 1994. Megyesi retired from Lake Central after the 2006 season. He returned during 2006-07 to coach Washington Township's girls' team to a 10-12 record.

Megyesi will be working with a young team with six new players. Megyesi looks to improve from the teams six wins during the 2006-2007 season.

"We want to build a good team chemistry, hopefully leading to more wins this year," said Megyesi.

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